

Responses received after this deadline may not be taken into consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals and organizations should submit comments electronically to BLM_NPRA_SpecialAreas@blm.gov and include “RFI: Special Areas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska” in the subject line of the message. Submissions should be machine readable in PDF or Word format and should not be locked or password protected.

Instructions: Response to this Request for Information (RFI) is voluntary.

Responses should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the response. Responses containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of or electronic links to the referenced materials.

The BLM may post responses to the RFI, without change, on its website and may use the information received as the BLM finds suitable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stacie McIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, at s05mcint@blm.gov or (907) 474-2398.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (NPRPA), as amended, requires that the BLM assure the maximum protection of significant surface values “within the Utukok River, the Teshekpuk Lake areas, and other areas designated by the Secretary of the Interior containing any significant subsistence, recreational, fish and wildlife, or historical or scenic value,” consistent with the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the NPR-A. See 42 U.S.C. 6504(a); see also 42 U.S.C. 6506a(n)(2). The NPRPA provides the Secretary of the Interior authority to designate areas with significant surface resource values as “Special Areas” within the Reserve.

On April 19, 2024, the BLM announced a final rule modifying the procedures for the designation, de-designation, amendment, and change in management of Special Areas within the Reserve. The rule was published in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 2024 (89 FR 38712) and became effective on June 6, 2024. Under the final rule, the BLM has

flexibility in how, whether, and when to undertake changes to Special Area designations, including by undertaking a process to amend the Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) governing the NPR-A or by utilizing a separate process. See 43 CFR 2361.30.

BLM-Alaska is now seeking written feedback and information from the public to inform whether to initiate a process to consider changes to the Special Areas identified in the current IAP. The BLM is particularly interested in receiving comments and feedback regarding whether: (1) the significant resource values protected by existing Special Areas are comprehensive or whether additional such values exist; (2) the boundaries of existing Special Areas should be modified; (3) additional measures in existing Special Areas may be necessary to assure maximum protection of significant surface resource values; and (4) new Special Areas should be designated. To be most helpful, feedback should provide as much specificity as possible, including the presence or absence of significant surface resource values in particular locations and rationale as to what additional measures may be required to protect significant resource values within certain boundaries.

By issuing this notice, the BLM is not initiating or committing to initiate a process under 43 CFR 2361.30 but will use the information submitted to determine whether to do so. Should the BLM determine to take further action in response to this RFI, the BLM will follow the process set out in the final rule, including applicable opportunities for public engagement and Tribal consultation.

Steven M. Cohn,

State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the California Desert District Advisory Council, the Central California Resource Advisory Council, and the Northern California District Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the

Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC), the Central California Resource Advisory Council (RAC), and the Northern California District RAC to fill existing vacancies and member terms that are scheduled to expire. The Councils provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on public land use planning and management within their geographic areas.

DATES: All nominations must be received no later than August 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and completed applications should be sent to the BLM California District Offices listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah K. Denos, Lead Public Affairs Specialist, BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way Suite W-1623, Sacramento, CA 95825; telephone: 916-978-4622; email: sdenos@blm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1739) directs the Secretary to establish 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR part 1780 subpart 1784 and include the following three membership categories:

Category One—Holders of Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the RAC is organized; represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way; represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; represent the commercial timber industry; or represent energy and mineral development.

Category Two—Represent nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational

activities; archaeological and historical interests; or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

Category Three—Hold State, county, or local elected office; are employed by a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water; represent Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or represent the affected public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of California. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the geographic area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

The following must accompany all nominations:

—A completed RAC application, which can either be obtained through your local BLM office or online at: https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2022-05/BLM-Form-1120-19_RAC-Application.pdf.

—Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations; and

—Any other information that addresses the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM California will issue a press release providing additional information for submitting nominations.

Nominations and completed applications should be sent to the relevant office listed below:

California Desert DAC: Kate Miyamoto, Public Affairs Officer, BLM California Desert District Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262; phone: 760-883-8528; or email: kmiyamoto@blm.gov.

Central California RAC: Philip Oviatt, Acting Public Affairs Officer, BLM Bakersfield Field Office, 35126 McMurtrey Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308; phone: 661-391-6117; or email: poviatt@blm.gov.

Northern California RAC: Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs Officer, BLM Northern California District Office, 6640 Lockheed Drive, Redding, CA 96002; phone: 530-252-5332; or email: jfontana@blm.gov.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-1)

Erica St. Michel,

BLM California Deputy State Director, Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Public Land Order No. 7943; Withdrawal of National Forest System Lands, Tonto National Forest, Superior, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 276 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands located within the Tonto National Forest from location and entry under the U.S. mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, for a 20-year term, subject to valid existing rights. The purpose of this withdrawal is to protect these lands for a congressionally mandated conveyance to the Town of Superior (Town), Pinal County, Arizona, upon request from the Town. The Town has submitted a request for conveyance of these lands to the Secretary of Agriculture.

DATES: This Public Land Order takes effect on July 17, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Ouellett, Realty Specialist, BLM Arizona State Office 1 North Central Avenue, Suite 800 Phoenix, AZ 85004, telephone: (602) 417-9561, email at mouellett@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this withdrawal is to protect the NFS lands from potential mining-related encumbrances that could affect the Town's ability to use these lands when purchased from the Federal Government. Section 3003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Pub. L. 113-291 § 3003) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the subject lands to the Town upon request from the Town. On October 15, 2021, the Town submitted such a request to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described NFS lands are hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, for the purpose of protecting these lands for a congressionally mandated conveyance to the Town.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 2 S., R. 12 E.,

Sec. 3, N¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
N¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and
N¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 4, lots 3 and 4 excepting Lee Mill Site and Penny Mill Site of M.S. No. 4803, S¹/₂NW¹/₄ excepting Harborlite Mill Sites 1A and 2A of M.S. No. 4860 and Lee Mill Site and Penny Mill Site of M.S. No. 4803;

Sec. 5, N¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
E¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 9, E¹/₂NW¹/₄NE¹/₄,
E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄,
NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄,
NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄
that portion lying N. of the N. boundary of H.E.S. No. 167, E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ that portion lying N. of the N. boundary of H.E.S. No. 167, E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄,
E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄,
E¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄,
E¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ that portion lying N. of the N. boundary of H.E.S. No. 167, E¹/₂NW¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ that portion lying N. of the N. boundary of H.E.S. No. 167.

The areas described aggregate 276 acres.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of National Forest System lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of the mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary of the Interior determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

Robert T. Anderson,

Solicitor.

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